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## **Help Sought to Identify Man Suspected of Committing Lewd Acts with 10-Year-Old Female at Chuck E. Cheese Restaurant**

On Sunday, June 25, 2006, at approximately 3:45 p.m., a 10-year-old female victim was with her family at the Chuck E. Cheese restaurant located at 16920 Prairie Avenue in Torrance. She was standing in line with her young brother to redeem some game tickets for prizes when she felt someone rubbing against her from behind. The victim turned to see an adult male thrusting his pelvic area toward her while making eye contact with her and smiling. She moved away, but the suspect also moved and again rubbed against her. The victim left the area and told her mother what had happened. The victim's mother made restaurant personnel aware of the incident and even tried to locate the suspect herself, but she was unsuccessful. She notified police and our officers responded.

Video surveillance footage from the restaurant substantiates the victim's statements and indicates the suspect was inside the restaurant by himself for 15 to 20 minutes appearing to be focusing his attention on children. The suspect is described as a Hispanic male in his late 30s or early 40s, 5'7" to 5'10" tall, medium build, black hair styled in a flat-top, a black mustache, and pock-marked cheeks. (Surveillance photo of suspect available)

Anyone with information that might lead to the identification of the suspect is asked to call the Torrance Police Department at (310) 328-3456 or Torrance Investigator Keith Thompson at (310) 618-5764.

The investigation continues under the direction of Captain Marc Wilkins, Special Operations Bureau.

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